

Appl. No. 10/707,226  
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Reply to Office action of February 03, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. Rejection of claims 1-11 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1-11 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Osuga in view of Dabral.

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**Response:**

Claims 1-11 and 15-18 have been cancelled, and are no longer in need of consideration.

10 2. Allowance of claims 12-14 and 19-21:

The applicant notes the allowance of claims 12-14 and 19-21. Claim 21 is currently amended to remove a limitation not having proper antecedent basis.

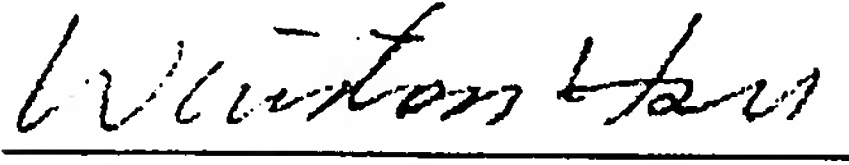
3. Introduction to new claims 22-34:

15 New claims 22-30 are duplicates of original claims 3-11. New claims 29, 31, and 32 are all based on the original claim 10. In each of these three claims, the bus slave is recited to be just one device instead of the three devices recited in the original claim 10. New claims 33 and 34 are duplicates of the original claims 17 and 18. No new matter has been added through the introduction of new claims 22-34.  
20 Each of the new claims 22-34 is dependent on an allowed independent claim, and should therefore also be held allowable. Acceptance of new claims 22-34 is requested.

25 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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